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Also enclosed are: Form PTO 1449 (in duplicate)
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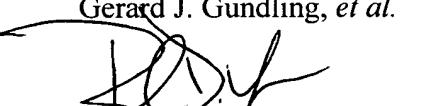
Applicants draw the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449 and request the Examiner to consider them and make them of record in this application.

All of the listed references are available for the Examiner to review in the file of the U.S. Serial No. 09/415,796. Applicants assume the Examiner has ready access to the references already submitted with U.S. Serial No. 09/415,796 (from the parent of the present application). If the Examiner needs further copies of any references cited in U.S. Serial No. 09/492,213, please contact the Applicant's attorney, Michael J. Ward, and he will provide copies to the Examiner.

The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initial next to each reference listed on the enclosed Form PTO 1449 indicating that the Examiner has considered and made those references of record in this application and that a copy of the initialed Form PTO 1449 be returned to Applicants.

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